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1. THE REFERENCE IN PARAGRAPH THREE OF THE ANNEX TO C-M (73) 128 TO THE SO-CALLED "ENERGY GROUPS" OF THE EEC PROBABLY REFERS TO A NUMBER OF AD HOC COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES IN THE EC COMMISSION WHICH DEAL WITH ENERGY QUESTIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, FERDNAND SPAAK, IN HIS CAPACITY AS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR ENERGY IN THE EC COMMISSION, HAS FOR SOME TIME CHAIRED A MONTH-LY MEETING OF ENERGY EXPERTS OR DIRECTORS OF ENERGY OFFICES FROM THE MEMBER STATES WHICH HAS CONSIDERED THE GROWING ENERGY PROBLEM IN THE COMMUNITY.

2. IN ADDITION, IN RECENT WEEKS FOLLOWING THE WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE PRODUCTION CUTS AND EMBARGOES INSITUTED BY CERTAIN PRODUCING CONFIDENTIAL

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COUNTRIES, SPECIAL GROUPS HAVE STUDIED THE

CURRENT OIL SUPPLY SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY AND HAVE PREPARED PROPOSALS WHICH HAVE GONE FORWARD FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL (WHICH HAS NOT AS YET TAKEN ACTION ON TH*M). THESE GROUPS HAVE INCLUDED AT TIMES REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE MEMBER STATES, AS INDICATED IN THE ANNEX REFERRED TO ABOVE, BUT THEIR MEMBERSHIP HAS LARGELY BEEN DRAWN FROM THE VARIOUS OFFICES OF THE APPROPRIATE DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE COMMISSION.HARTMAN

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